

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Tree Board meeting held Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.
2 in the Centerville City Hall Conference Room, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

5 Anne Linton

6 Gary Smith

7 Gary Woodward, Chair

8 Scott Zeidler

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10 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

11 Joy Chambers

12 Grant Chavez

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14 **STAFF PRESENT**

15 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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17 **CITY ORDINANCE**

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19 Chair Gary Woodward discussed having a section in the City Ordinance on topping of
20 trees. The Board discussed the proposed language and interpretation of the Ordinance on having
21 no trees allowed in park strips unless the park strip exceeds eight feet. The Ordinance could be
22 interpreted to mean that trees must be planted eight feet away from the edge of the concrete because
23 it encapsulates the right-of-way on the front yard. Gary Smith reported the new Ordinance states
24 no trees are to be planted in park strips, but the changes have not been ratified.

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26 The Board discussed the current drought situation, and Anne Linton reported that Corrine
27 from Utah State Extension Services said lawns can survive on minimal water and will come back,
28 but some trees will not. Scott Zeigler reported Timothy Hawkes, Congressional Representative, is
29 an attorney who works on water laws and is well informed on the current situation in Utah. The
30 Board discussed having Mr. Hawkes give a presentation to the City Council on the water outlook
31 and water future for our area and State. Mr. Hawkes also works on the Natural Resources House
32 Committee.

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34 **WEB PAGE DISCUSSION**

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36 The Tree Board discussed the current drought situation, and adding information to the
37 webpage on how to prioritize water usage. Gary Smith distributed information on water wise usage
38 for plants and trees during a drought. This information will be posted on the city website. Scott
39 Zeidler will go to the Deuel Creek Irrigation Board Office to ask what their plans are for notifying
40 citizens on how to conserve irrigation water if the drought becomes more severe. Gary Smith will
41 go to the Weber Water Basin Board to also ask what their plans are if the drought becomes more
42 severe, and how they will notify citizens. The Weber Water Basin is beginning to install water
43 meters to measure water usage on residents.

1 Scott Zeidler made a **motion** to have the Water Wise Watering Tips for Lawns and Trees
2 from Gary Smith on the Tree Board website within ten days after approval and editing from Tree
3 Board members. Anne Linton seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).
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5 The Tree Board will ask Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director, to come to the next
6 meeting to discuss what is happening with the Smith Park extension. Chair Gary Woodward
7 reported the ISA PDF Tree Documents have tree topping and new tree planting information
8 available, but this information will not be promoted this year because of the current drought.
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10 **TREE OF THE MONTH**

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12 Scott Zeidler reviewed the Catalpa tree for the Tree of the Month. The positive feature of
13 this tree is that it is drought tolerant and hardy. The negative features are that it does have leaves
14 and pods. Mr. Zeidler will write the narrative on this tree for the Tree Board website. Anne Linton
15 will write a narrative in September for the city Facebook page on the windstorm that occurred on
16 September 7th last year, and the damage it caused to trees in Centerville.
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18 **COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT**

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20 Scott Zeidler discussed the Community Forestry Grant, and suggested one of the
21 departments in the city apply for this grant. This year, the grant could be for \$20,000, half of which
22 would come from Mr. Zeidler's employer. Most communities ask for this grant for tree planting,
23 but then they do not commit to the tree survival. If the Tree Board decides to apply for this grant
24 to plant trees, a Tree Management Plan must be provided. The Community Forestry Grant is also
25 for tree hazard reduction, and could be used for structural pruning or wind damage on trees. The
26 application deadline is mid to late July, and the grant should go through Bruce Cox, Parks and
27 Recreation Director. The grant money cannot be used to purchase equipment or pay for city staff
28 wages. The agency would want to know what the ten-to-twenty-year plan is on managing the trees,
29 and the grant is only for Tree City USA communities. Gary Smith will talk to Bruce Cox about
30 this grant.
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32 **MINUTES REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE**

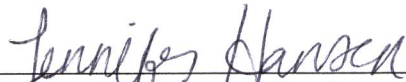
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34 Minutes of the May 19, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Scott Zeidler made a **motion** to
35 approve the minutes as written. Chair Gary Woodward seconded the motion, which was passed
36 by unanimous vote (4-0).
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38 **NEXT MEETING**

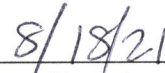
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40 The next Tree Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. at City
41 Hall.

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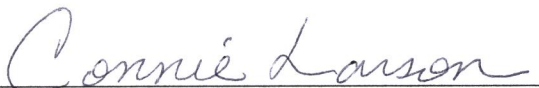
At 9:15 p.m., Anne Linton made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Gary Smith seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).



Jennifer Hansen, City Recorder



Date Approved



Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

